



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Thomas A. Reid et al.

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For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR  
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

In the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed on July 1, 2004, the Examiner provided a Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Although Applicants agree that the present claims are allowable over the prior art of record, Applicants do not wish for the Examiner's reasons for allowance to be binding on Applicants in any manner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully decline to accept the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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